

REMARKS

Favorable reconsideration, reexamination, and allowance of the present patent application are respectfully requested in view of the foregoing amendments in the following remarks. Applicants would like to thank the Examiner for the careful consideration given the present application. The application has been carefully reviewed in light of the Office Action, and amended as necessary to more clearly and particularly describe the subject matter which Applicants regard as the invention.

I. CLAIM STATUS & AMENDMENTS

Claims 1-20 were pending in this application when last examined. Claims 1-9 and 13-20 have been examined on the merits, and stand allowed. Claims 10-12 have been withdrawn from consideration as being drawn to a non-elected invention. The present Amendment amends claims 1-5, 7, 9, 13 and 15-20. The present Amendment also cancels claims 10-12 without prejudice or disclaimer thereto. Claims 1-9 and 13-20 are pending in this application.

Applicants reserve the right to file a continuation or divisional application on any canceled subject matter.

Applicants thank Examiner Santiago for the informal telephonic interview held on December 12, 2003.

The amendments to claims 1-5, 7, 9, and 13 reflect corrections to spelling or typographical issues.

Applicants have amended claims 15-20 to recite "a first dielectric layer on a rear substrate, a second array of electrodes embedded in a second dielectric layer on a cover substrate in a pattern of a barrier for defining discharge spaces in between, characterized in that the first dielectric layer on the rear substrate is a reflecting essentially white enamel." The Examiner, in the telephonic interview, suggested this amendment to distinguish between the two dielectric

layers. Support for this amendment can be found in the Specification, for example, at page 9, lines 14-18, and in original claim 15.

Applicants herein provide new drawings corresponding to the embodiments taught in claims 15-20, and as required by the Examiner at page 4 of the September 8, 2003 Office Action. These drawings comply with the Examiners requirement to show that the enamel composition is part of the dielectric layer, as claimed in claims 15-20 and as disclosed in the Specification at page 9, lines 21-24. Figures 1 and 2 provide reference for understanding of the claimed embodiments. The section "Brief Description of the Drawings" and a paragraph including reference numerals referring to the drawings have also been added to the Specification. Applicants assert that these amendments are necessary to comply with the Examiner's decision to require drawings because the invention "admits of illustration by drawing" under 37 C.F.R. § 1.81.

Therefore, no new matter has been added by this amendment.

CONCLUSION

In view of the foregoing amendments and remarks, Applicants submit that the present application is in condition for allowance and notice to that effect is hereby requested.

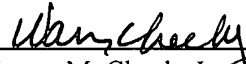
If it is determined that the application is not in condition for allowance, the Examiner is invited to telephone the undersigned attorney at the number below to expedite prosecution of the present application.

Respectfully submitted,

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